



Evans Hotel, Columbus, Neb., Official Headquarters Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, at their Annual Convention, Jan. 21, 22, 23, 1914.

MOTOR TRUCK FOR ALLIANCE

Help the Alliance Fire Department
Secure Its New Equipment by
Assisting in Campaign

Patriotic Alliance citizens should give serious consideration to the proposition of purchasing a combination hose and chemical motor truck for the Alliance Fire Department. This question is to be voted on at the spring election in April. If the voters of Alliance request (by so marking their ballots) the city council to purchase a motor truck for the department it will mean that this department will then be equipped to properly fight fires and to prevent serious fires by being able to get on the ground before the fire gets headway.

Ninety per cent of fires in cities and towns which are properly equipped with chemical fire fighting apparatus are extinguished without the use of water. Water, when used on a fire, sometimes and often causes more damage to goods and property than the fire itself. Chemicals do not cause this damage.

Smoker at Ord

The visit of the Fire Prevention Association at Ord was one to be long remembered by all. Among the guests were Ed. McCall, president, S. W. Pond, secretary, and deputy state fire commissioner, W. S. Ridgell.

Fire department came in for no little praise both by local speakers and the guests. The latter made several allusions to the good impression these men made on the recent State Firemen's meeting at Columbus.

Three tables were arranged running the entire length of the hall, making six rows of seats. When the crowd assembled, which was with music by the Firemen's Band, they were seated at these tables, taking pretty nearly all of the seats.

As this was a smoker the weed was first introduced in abundance.

and, with President Wright introducing them, several speakers were called and responded to questions of moment. Among these were Mayor Work, Fire Chief Shirley and City Attorney Davis.

Banquet at Central City

The department at Central City gave a banquet at Cuddington hall on the 12th. G. H. Gray was toastmaster. The program was as follows:
Invocation Rev. Anderson
Why Claude Carrington
Response Editor C. H. Harry
City Ernest Peregrine
Response Mayor E. H. Bishop
Fire Shaw Little
Response O. D. Burke
Protection Will Henderson
Response Dr. H. E. Glatfelter
JahGebbly Atty. John Patterson, Jr.
Response Editor R. Rice

Officers at North Bend

At the tenth annual banquet of the North Bend fire department on the 2d of February the following officers were elected:

Dr. L. B. McClaran, Chief.
R. O. Burton, Assistant Chief.
V. W. Jansen, President.
Roy J. Cusack, Treasurer.
Jas. F. Cherny, Secretary.
Hose No. 1: Ed Rochford, foreman; Mark Hawkins, assistant; Leon Cherny, director.
Hose No. 2: R. M. Clay, foreman; R. H. Haverfield, assistant; C. L. Kelly, director.

Hook and Ladder Company: R. J. Griffin, foreman; Ira Smock, assistant; W. G. Gollop, director.
Chemical Company: F. J. Tedy, foreman; J. F. Datal, assistant; Leon Cherny, director.

A fine menu was served and a program of unusual merit given.

First Time New Motor Truck Used

Dundee had its first use of the new motor truck on Tuesday, February 17th. An automobile caught fire. The chemical on the motor truck put it out.

New Department at Johnson

A new volunteer department was organized at Johnson, a village near Tecumseh, on the 5th.

MOTOR FIRE EQUIPMENT

Speech of D. L. Cudberry, of Denver, at Smoker of Alliance Fire Department

In this 20th Century we are in the midst of action and progress and this applies to Fire Fighting Equipment and in most all cities motorizing of Fire Equipment is being considered as a vital and necessary condition and is being solved by the purchase of suitable automobile apparatus all over the country; in fact the entire civilized world.

From the attendance at this meeting, I infer that you gentlemen, living in this beautiful progressive city, have been giving this subject sincere thought; feeling, as interested citizens with the welfare of your city at heart, you could not do more for the saving of your homes and business houses from the ever present danger of fire than this splendid get-together meeting with the idea of securing a concerted movement toward the purchase of suitable apparatus for your needs.

Fire loss in the United States amounted to around two hundred million dollars last year—a per capita of some \$3.50 as against the small sum of thirty cents in Europe. The economic loss of life cannot be estimated. It, therefore, behooves every one interested to have as a part of the Department an apparatus which will respond to an alarm quickly and give efficient service while on the ground and be immediately ready for instant action upon return to the house. Such equipment is absolutely essential for many reasons. You will appreciate that in taking water from a hydrant from a tower say one hundred feet high, using a 1 1/8 inch nozzle, plus the friction loss, depending upon the smoothness of the hose lining and length of hose line used, you have a loss in pressure of about thirty pounds. You can readily see that this is an important factor. Again, the loss in the amount of water in the time during sprinkling season makes it necessary for a pump of some character. It may be of interest to know that in your neighboring city of Fort Morgan they have had an experience which has proven very costly. They found they did not have enough pressure and put in a booster pump expressly for fire service and when this was used piping and water tanks in a number of homes burst—naturally causing much damage and discomfort.

In reviewing the reports of fire departments throughout the country, perhaps one of the most striking features is the unanimity of officials in asserting the remarkable efficiency of motor-drawn apparatus. At a time when the corporate limits of towns are being rapidly extended to embrace wider territory and when large numbers of city residents are establishing suburban residences, it becomes a difficult matter, especially for the smaller towns, to supply adequate fire protection. The increase in building heights and the congestion of business sections require of larger cities a quick and effective fire service. In coping with such problems, the motor-drawn apparatus has undoubtedly proven its superiority.

It seems that a combination pumping-hose and chemical or pump and hose apparatus would be ideal for your condition. Preferably the first. It is a well known fact that eighty per cent of the fires are overcome by the use of chemicals, as department firemen appreciate that in many instances the water loss is heavier than the fire loss. The metropolitan departments find the combination apparatus, mentioned, to give splendid service in every respect—speed, durability, efficiency and low maintenance, and, I believe, upon detail investigation, you will ultimately purchase a machine of this character. There are three things to be considered in the purchase of apparatus—First: standard make by reputable manufacturers, who stand absolutely behind the machinery. Second: Sufficient power to meet all requirements and of sufficient strength of construction to withstand the heavy service demanded under the most trying conditions. Third: Economy of maintenance and operation. A purchase, with this understanding, will provide your department with an apparatus which is not an experiment but an acknowledged successful fact. Your officials, as well as yourselves, are to be commended for your efforts to secure for your city an up-to-the-minute service and I firmly believe you will have the undivided support of all your people when the matter comes before them, and, if we can serve you in any way, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Gentlemen, I thank you.

New Hose Company Officers

Hose company number one at Beatrice elected the following officers on the 4th:

President—Fred George.
First vice president—John Jakabek.

Second vice president—L. A. Scroggs.

Secretary—George Talbot.

Treasurer—Charles Routh.

Foreman—William Van Hook.

First assistant foreman—Pearl Irvine.

Second assistant foreman—William Lindeemeyer.

New Officers at Columbus

Following is a list of the new officers of the Columbus department: President, Guy M. Matson; vice president, W. C. Rector; secretary, C. S. Kenoyer; treasurer, A. H. Viergutz. Bert J. Galley was recommended for chief, and William Plagemann for assistant chief.

The new board of control will consist of the following members: Chief Bert J. Galley, president of the board; Assistant Chief Will Plagemann, vice president of the board; C. S. Kenoyer, secretary; E. R. Lauer, foreman W. Y. Bissell hose company; W. C. Rector, foreman hose company No. 1; Nels Nelson, foreman hose company No. 2; Will Plagemann, foreman Pioneer Hook and Ladder company.

\$40,000 Loss at Norfolk

Fire which started at five o'clock on the morning of the 22d did \$40,000 damage to three stores in the main business part of Norfolk. The Klesaw drug store, the shoe store of F. E. Davenport and the dry goods store of A. L. Killian were seriously damaged.

Ball at Sidney

The Sidney department gave their annual ball on February 14th. They report it a grand success.

SPECIAL EDITION

This Edition of Herald Goes to Every Member of Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Assn.

This edition of The Herald is a special edition, devoted to the interests of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which The Herald is the official organ. It is sent to every member of the association. The association department, which begins in this number, will be a regular feature of The Herald throughout the year.

Watch for Them

The display of the Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Company, 304-305 Jacobson Building, Denver, Colorado, which was in the basement of the Evans Hotel at the Columbus convention, attracted much attention. D. L. Cudberry and Julius Pearse, Jr., who were with the exhibit, made many friends among the firemen. They will keep in close touch with the firemen of Nebraska by making use of the columns of The Herald.

\$6,000 Blaze at Grand Island

Five hundred people were attending a vaudeville performance in Grand Island when the Bernstein Nelfeld building, which adjoins the theatre, caught fire. They left in an orderly manner and no one was panic stricken. The fire originated from a rubbish heap and damaged the building and stocks of merchandise to the extent of over \$6,000 before the firemen brought the blaze under control. The loss was partially covered by insurance. This was on February 17th.

The Andersen Company

This popular Omaha fire department supply firm had an exhibit in the basement of the Evans Hotel at Columbus. Mr. J. C. Andersen and Mr. S. C. Andersen were both present during the convention and extended their already wide acquaintance among the firemen. Their exhibit was complete and interesting. Firemen can hear of them often by watching this department.

Incendiary at Osceola

Two fires in one week at Osceola the first of the month are believed to have been of incendiary origin. That there was a torch applied at both fires is the opinion of many. Only the prompt and vigorous work of the department saved the buildings both times. One fire was in G. T. Ray's ice house and the other in a barn used for storage purposes by Joe Gubser.

New Officers at Shelton

At the regular monthly meeting of the Shelton department on the third the following officers were elected: T. G. Tritt, chief; H. D. Underwood, assistant chief; R. Kesterson, engineer, and Leo Kesterson, assistant engineer.

Two Calls in Three Hours

York's fire department was called out twice on the 15th in three hours. The first fire was at the residence of R. M. Rankin and the second at the home of Mrs. Lesh.

FIRE AT FARMHOUSE

The farm home of Henry F. Panning, living southeast of Winslow, was damaged by fire on the 11th to the extent of \$250. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

LEWIS-STANLEY

Popular Alliance Young Lady and Well Known Athlete United in Marriage Monday

Miss Carrie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lewis, and O. L. Stanley, the popular Alliance Athlete and champion wrestler of the state, were united in marriage by Rev. O. S. Baker of the Methodist church on Monday, February 23. Only relatives were present at the ceremony.

Miss Lewis is one of the younger set of Alliance and has many friends here. She was born and attended school in Alliance, living here all her life.

Mr. Stanley is one of the best known athletes in the west. He is the champion middleweight. His parents live in Indianola, Iowa, which was his former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are receiving congratulations of their friends. The marriage was kept quiet until Friday when friends discovered the secret. They will continue to reside here.

TELEPHONE ADDITIONS

Unanticipated Increase in Number of Subscribers Causes Several New Additions

E. B. Jackson, of the Western Electric Company, is engaged in installing a new section to the switchboard of the Nebraska Telephone Company Alliance Exchange. The additional section adds 100 more phones and 140 more answering jacks.

When the new switchboard and system was installed a year ago there were plenty of phones and it was thought that the board as then installed would be ample to care for the business for five years. The growth of this business is a good indication of the growth of Alliance.

MISSIONARY AMERICAN S. S. U.

Experienced Man Arrives from Fremont, Neb., and Takes Residence in Alliance

The American Sunday School Union has fourteen representatives doing work in Nebraska. The state is divided into districts and a missionary put in charge of each district. The Alliance district comprises Box Butte, Sioux, Dawes and Sheridan counties and the part of Scotts Bluff, Morrill and Garden counties lying north of the North Platte river.

E. H. Williamson, who for two years was Sunday school missionary on the Fremont district, has been appointed to the Alliance district. He is an enthusiastic Sunday school worker and is well qualified both by education and experience to take charge of the work.

Mr. Williamson and family, consisting of wife and two children, a boy and a girl, arrived in Alliance the latter part of last week. They will make their home at 509 Sweetwater avenue, but it will be several days before they will be settled in their new home on account of repairs that are being made to the house. The Herald bespeaks for them the cordial reception from the people of this city which they merit.

Hastings Fire

The residence of Abe Hibbard, at the corner of B street and south Lincoln avenue in Hastings, was damaged by fire on the first. The department saved the building with damage of only \$50.



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